

City of Dawsonville
February 23, 2004
Regular Meeting Minutes

Mayor Cox called the meeting to order.

Roll Call: Those present were Council Member Jonathan Cox, Council Member Tim Wimpey, Council Member Mike A. Wilson, Council Member Mike Sosebee, City Clerk, and Attorney Dana Miles.

Approval of Minutes: Motion was made by Jonathan Cox to approve the February 2, 2004 regular minutes and the February 19, 2004 called meeting minutes. Mike Sosebee seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The City Attorney asked that the agenda be amended to include the following items under new business:

- ❖ Water bill mailings.
- ❖ Approval of the annexation mediation agreement with Dawson County.

Motion was made by Jonathan Cox to approve amending the agenda to include referenced items. Tim Wimpey seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business: The City Attorney held the second reading hearing on a Charter Amendment to change the Council Meeting time. Arlene McClure asked if she could speak against changing the Council Meetings to the first Monday of each month. Ms. McClure stated that she was a property owner in Dawsonville and that in the past it had taken the Council up to three months to make a decision on a business license. Ms. McClure stated that she had lost tenants because of the time it had taken the Council to make a decision. Ms. McClure stated that she was afraid that this would happen in the future with only one Council meeting per month. A Motion was made by Mike Wilson to approve the Charter Amendment to change the Council Meeting time. Jonathan Cox seconded the motion. The motion carried with Tim Wimpey voting no.

The City Attorney held the second reading hearing on an Ordinance to provide for a Sewer Contract with Private Individuals. A motion was made by Jonathan Cox to approve the Ordinance to provide for a Sewer Contract with Private Individuals. Tim Wimpey seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

It was decided to table the discussion of the Ben Trail Invoices until the March 1, 2004 meeting. Mr. Trail was not present. Jonathan Cox stated that he had spoken with Mr. Trail, and that Mr. Trail was awaiting a letter from the City Attorney.

Tim Wimpey made the motion to approve a five' (5') variance to Dawson County for a new addition to the existing jail. The motion was seconded by Mike Wilson. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business: Mayor Cox explained that several of the water customers did not receive their bills in February. Mayor Cox stated that the Water Clerk, the City Clerk, nor the Mayor had the authority to adjust any adjust the late charges from anyone's bill. The Council can vote as a majority to adjust the late charges from the bills of customers who did not receive their bill. The Mayor stated that it cost 23 cents to mail out the post cards. It would take .37 cents to mail the cards in an envelope. A motion was made by Jonathan Cox to proceed with mailing out the post cards. The motion was seconded by Mike Sosebee. Motion carried with the Mayor breaking the tie. Mike Wilson and Tim Wimpey voted no.

The City Attorney read the Annexation Mediation Agreement between the City of Dawsonville and the Dawson County Board of Commissioners. Jonathan Cox made the motion to approve the Annexation Mediation Agreement and to allow the Mayor to sign the agreement. The motion was seconded by Tim Wimpey. Motion carried unanimously. The Annexation Mediation Agreement will be made a part of the minutes as an attachment.

Jonathan Cox made the motion to table the sign application from Southern Studios for the Fajita Grill until the March 1, 2004 Council meeting. Tim Wimpey seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Jonathan Cox made the motion to table the sign application for Taylor Massage until the March 1, 2004 meeting. Tim Wimpey seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Tim Wimpey stated that the Gold Creek Distributors building was zoned Restricted Industrial Commercial and must comply with the zoning regulations.

Mark Sosebee's Attorney stated that the business would have to comply with Federal, State, and Local Regulations. The Attorney stated that the business was in compliance and that there was no reason for the Council to refuse to give Gold Creek Distributors a business license.

Mike Wilson made the motion to approve the business license application for Gold Creek Distributors. Jonathan Cox seconded the motion. Motion carried with Mike Sosebee and Mayor Cox abstaining from the vote.

The City Attorney held the first reading hearing for an annexation request from Leroy Bearden and Jimmy Bryson. The property is located at 326 Burt Creek road, and consists of .96 acres. The property is zoned RA in Dawson County and its intended use is one single family residential home.

Mike Wilson made the motion to approve the business license request for Old Town Title Pawn. Mike Sosebee seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Jonathan Cox to raise the residential tap fees to \$4,000.00, effective on April 1, 2004. Tim Wimpey seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Tim Wimpey to set the security deposit for renters at \$150.00. Mike Wilson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mike Sosebee to set reconnect fees as follows:

1 st time reconnect	\$ 25.00
2 nd time reconnect	\$ 50.00
3 rd time reconnect	\$ 150.00

Mike Wilson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mike Wilson made the motion to approve creating the City Marshal, Code Enforcement, Building Inspector, and Soil and Erosion Control Officer. Tim Wimpey seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Tim Wimpey made the motion to set the salary for the created position at \$16.00 per hours without a take home vehicle. Mike Wilson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Jonathan Cox made the motion to hire Jessie Layne for the City Marshal, Code Enforcement, Building Inspector, and Soil and Erosion Control Officer. Tim Wimpey seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Cox reported that the \$457,250.00 loan with United Community Bank had been secured. This loan will be paid by through the grand from RDA.

Mayor Cox reported that Stegal Place would be repaved under the LARP Program.

Public Comment: None

Adjournment: A motion was made by Tim Wimpey to adjourn the February 23, 2004 meeting. Mike Wilson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor

Attest